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any intention of compiling a dictionary of such character. He says: "It does not purport to be an epitome or compilation of the body of the law."

Agreeably to Mr. Black's plan we find the definitions brief, lists of authorities not numerous, and examples rare. On the other hand, the comprehensiveness of the work in respect to the number of words and phrases defined would elicit praise from the most exacting and give the work high value. The aim was to include all words defined in any law dictionary, and this, we believe, has been done.

In respect to the second consideration, assuming that the sole function of a law dictionary is to define, this work stands the tests of form. In accuracy of definition and in style it compares favorably with the established lexicons. Its large size is more than made up for in the remarkably large type and generous spacing. A thumb index at the edge and alphabetical guides on both margin and cover are further contributions of the publisher to the convenience of the volume. The more usual method of distributing maxims alphabetically has been followed.

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